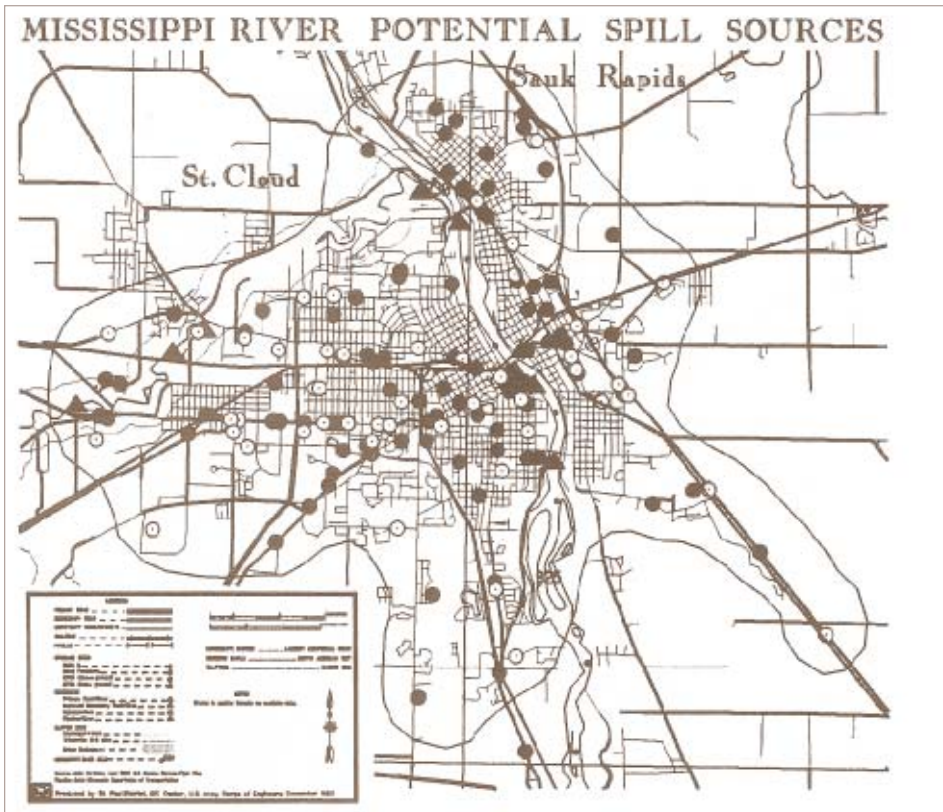


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hydrologic or hydraulic modeling, water supply investigations, wetland evaluations, cultural resources studies, lake nutrient levels, river spill response, public use planning, dam failure analysis, and flood emergency plans. Studies vary in scope from evaluating a very specific water resource problem to conducting a more thorough, comprehensive type study.

Section 319 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1990 authorizes the Government to collect fees from non-Federal entities to recover 50 percent of the program cost in fiscal year 1993 and beyond. The maximum Federal funds available annually to a State or Tribe is \$500,000. The Federal assistance provided may be further limited by the available appropriations.

Study Procedures

Initially, the Corps and the State or Tribe agree on goals for a work request and its conformance with their comprehensive Water Plan. The State or Tribe develops the scope of work and cost estimate, including essential coordination with other State or Tribal offices, for submission to the Corps. The Corps prepares its scope of work, cost estimate and draft cost share agreement for negotiation with the State or Tribe. When negotiation is complete and the State or Tribe confirms the availability of funds in writing, the cost share agreement with agreed upon scope of work and cost estimate is transmitted to Corps higher authority for approval. The District may begin work once (1) Corps approval is granted, (2) Federal funds are made available, (3) the State and the District Engineer sign the agreement and (4) the State cost share dollars are received.

Planning assistance may include review and update of information from authorized studies not currently funded, provided the assistance conforms to the

What the Corps Can Do

The Planning Assistance to States Program, also known as the Section 22 Program, is authorized by Section 22 of the 1974 Water Resources Development Act. The Corps of Engineers is authorized to use its technical expertise in water and related land resource management to help States and Federally recognized Indian Tribes with their water resource problems.

Upon request, the Corps will cooperate with these entities to prepare plans for the development, use, and conservation of water and related land resources within their bounds.

Typical activities studied under the Section 22 Program are flood control, water supply, water conservation, water quality, hydropower, erosion, environmental evaluations, and navigation. Activities that local units of government can accomplish through the program are watershed studies, inventories of flood-prone structures,

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State or Tribe Water Plan. The assistance may include procuring new data and contract work. The assistance may not be used to further ongoing or pending Corps programs, such as comprehensive studies, feasibility studies, or small projects under the Corps Continuing Authorities Program. If a study identifies a potential construction project with Federal interest, the study will be transferred to the appropriate Corps program. The Planning Assistance to States Program may help States in support of the Coastal Zone Management Act or the Floodplain Management Services Program when the primary purpose is to supplement basin-wide or regional State planning for the coastal zone or floodplains.

How to Request Assistance

State, local, regional and Tribal officials who are interested in obtaining assistance under the Planning Assistance to States Program should contact their State or Tribal water resource agency or office. The State or Tribal coordinator/official would verify that the request for assistance is in agreement with their comprehensive water plan and include it in their annual program budget request. The State's and Tribe's annual requests for assistance is used to develop the Corps Section 22 program for that year. The Corps accommodates as many studies as possible within the funding maximum allotment limit of \$500,000 in Federal funds available annually for each State or Tribe. It should be noted that the program nation-wide is limited by the funds specifically appropriated for Section 22. For example, the budget for fiscal year 2004 has \$6.0 million scheduled for the Section 22 program nation-wide.

State, regional, and local units of government should submit requests for assistance to the State Section 22 Coordinator with a copy to the Corps,

while Tribes should submit requests directly to the Corps, as follows:

Minnesota:

Mr. John Wells
State Section 22 Coordinator
Environmental Quality Board
300 Centennial Office Building
658 Cedar Street
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155
(Telephone: 651-290-2377)

North Dakota:

Mr. Jeff Klein
Coordinator, State Section 22
Engineering Division
North Dakota State Water Commission
900 East Boulevard
Bismarck, North Dakota 58505
(Telephone: 701-328-4898)

Wisconsin:

Mr. Greg Hill
Coordinator, Interstate Planning
State of Wisconsin Department of
Natural Resources
Box 7921
Madison, Wisconsin 53707
(Telephone: 608-267-9352)

Indian Tribes:

The Tribal Council should send the request for assistance directly to the Corps of Engineers:

St. Paul District, Corps of Engineers
Project Management and Development Branch
190 5th Street East
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-1638

Questions on the Section 22 Program may be directed to:

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